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Captains Dunfield And McAthur Promoted

Home From Halifax And Are Now Majors — Captain Brown Also Advanced — Fine Turn-out of Army Service Corps

Two more St. John officers, both from the 62nd regiment, though now company commanders in the 26th Battalion, have been promoted to the rank of major, Capt. C. I. Dunfield and Capt. D. D. McAthur having returned to the city this morning from Halifax after having successfully passed the required examinations for the higher step. Major Kinross will return to the city today from Halifax, having gone for a short stay at his home in Sussex. He has held the rank of major in cavalry and has been to Halifax to qualify for the title in the infantry, which he has been successful in doing. Captain Brown, the efficient adjutant of the 26th, also has won his promotion to the major's rank. Congratulations are in order to all of them.

Inspection Today. Admiring glances of many citizens followed the Canadian Divisional Train as it swung through the streets this morning to Lancaster. Major F. T. McKean, O. C. No. 5 Co. Army Service Corps, in command. With steady step and jaunty stride and soldierly bearing in all ranks they made a splendid appearance on this their first march-out in battalion formation, and to say that Lieut. Col. A. E. Masse, officer commanding the train, was pleased with the companies in his inspection would be expressing his satisfaction mildly. The whole train made an excellent showing, every company creditably conducting itself. The colonel inspected them in battalion and afterwards in independent companies and was well satisfied in each case. About noon the four companies returned to barracks. This afternoon company drill was carried on. For the time remaining until their departure overseas, an extensive programme of field exercises in battalion routine is planned.

I. O. G. T. ARE TO BUILD NEW HALL

Will be Erected in Westmorland Road—March Building Record During March nine building permits, covering structures valued at \$20,000, were issued by Inspector James Carleton, as compared with \$75,000 for March 1914. For the year so far the total is \$38,500, as compared with \$92,000 for the same period last year. Eight permits for repairs were issued during March. Among the new buildings to be erected this spring is a hall for the I. O. G. T., to be located in Westmorland road, near the Church of England cemetery. The building will be two stories in height, 30 by 75 feet, with a modern fitted store on the ground floor, and the home floor devoted to the uses of the order. The stairway will lead to an ante-room, and this will open on the main auditorium. At the far end will be a good-sized stage with dressing rooms on either side. A kitchen is also provided for use in connection with social gatherings. The new hall will be a decided acquisition to the east end of the city. The estimated cost is \$4,000. Some of the other buildings for which permits have been issued are: Fenton Land and Building Company, Bentley street, two wooden dwelling houses, \$6,000. Mrs. George Kimball, Elgin and Metcalf streets, wooden tenement, \$3,000. Charles Robinson, Bryden street, wooden dwelling, \$2,500.

MOTHER, TWO CHILDREN AND SISTER PERISH

Lose Lives in Fire Which Practically Destroys New York State Village Water town, N. Y., March 31—Four lives were lost and damage of \$200,000 was done by a fire which practically destroyed the village of Norfolk in St. Lawrence county early this morning. Fourteen stores were destroyed as well as two hotels and several residences. The fire is still in progress. The dead: Mrs. J. Thomas, her two children and her sister.

SECOND OF BROTHERS TO GIVE LIFE FOR KING

St. Catharines, Ont., March 31—Bert Henfrey of this city has official word that his brother, Private Alfred Henfrey, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, has been killed in France. Henfrey was a reservist and was called from Toronto. An elder brother was one of the first of the first Canadian contingent to fall in France.

SPIRITED TIME IN FREDERICTON OVER BILL TO CHANGE ST. JOHN ASSESSMENT

Municipalities Chairman Had To Exercise Authority To Keep Meeting in Hand

Labor Men Well Prepared With Arguments—Mayor Gave Information—Commissioners Wigmore and Russell Declined to Follow Potts to Limit But Favored Change

Fredericton, N. B., March 31—No one more earnest, energetic or enthusiastic in opposition ever waited upon a legislative committee than the men who supported the income exemption bill before the municipalities committee this morning. Three city commissioners, Potts, Wigmore and Russell, headed the list of speakers, and the chairman of the labor delegation, Charles H. Stevens, made an impassioned appeal for justice and fair play. There were interesting moments during Commissioner Potts' speech, which was interrupted by Mayor Frink, A. H. Hanington and others. The labor delegation resented this and demanded an uninterrupted hearing of their case.

Mr. Stevens took a hand. Mr. Potts answered energetically. The mayor objected to personalities, and Chairman Munro called down everybody who interrupted, and told the listeners not to sneeze and straighten out things generally. When Mr. Potts began to deal with the failure of the assessors to do their duty, and the merchants to send in statements, A. H. Hanington objected, and that aroused the labor delegates and made the chairman restore order again. There were several interesting speeches from labor delegates, including Chas. Stevens, C. Kemp, James Powers, Fred Hyatt, James L. Suggs, Jas. B. Tilden and Hugh Beck.

NO EASTER VACATION FOR THE COMMONS

Prorogation Not For Another Week — General Hughes on Stand in Boot Inquiry Ottawa, Ont., March 31—There is to be no Easter holiday for parliament. The government has purchased the plans and survey reports of the North Railway Company from Montreal to the Transcontinental and it is expected will build. A quarter of a million dollars were paid for the reports and survey notes. General Hughes was on the stand in the boot committee today and swore that the Canadian boot was of better design than the British boot. If manufacturers had made it badly or if poor leather was used they should be severely dealt with.

Serbia Ready But Awaits Allies' Word

All Important Moves On All Fronts To Be Made Hereafter On Concerted Plan Paris, March 31—Serbia will await word from the allies before beginning a second invasion of Austria-Hungary, said Milenko Vesentich, Serbian minister at Paris, yesterday. "Serbia," he said, "is absolutely ready to re-enter the campaign at a moment's notice. It has been decided, however, that the allies shall henceforth plan in concert all important movements on all fronts. When Serbia receives the indication to march she will immediately advance, and with greater dash and determination than ever."

Will Americans Take Action Now?

Citizen of the United States Lost With Steamer Sunk by German Pirates—Greek Merchant Also a Victim—British Press Comment

London, March 31—English newspapers devote considerable space today to comment upon the fact that an American citizen lost his life when the liner Falaba was sunk by a German submarine and predict that sharp action will be taken by the United States government. They assert that the submarine's attack was evidence that "Germany has no regard for international rights." According to the newspapers, the Greek government will also take cognizance of the sinking of the Falaba because a citizen of Greece also lost his life. The American victim of the German sea raider was Leon Chester Thresher, an engineer employed by the Broomfield Mines Company. The Greek citizen was N. Antonopoulos, an Athenian merchant. The Daily Mail takes the lead today in demanding reprisals against Germany for what, the British term "the deliberate murder of inoffensive English citizens and neutrals."

Another German Failure

London, March 31—A special to The Daily Telegraph from Petrograd intimates that the operations of the Germans against Osowetsky may now be considered at an end. In this way the whole purpose of their dash into Russian territory from East Prussia has been frustrated. General von Pritvitz, Austrian losses in Lytva (Lithuania) and the Province of Bereg (northeast Hungary), on March 25, are estimated at 15,000, according to despatches received by Swiss newspapers. These advances state a column of 4,000 Austrians was annihilated in less than an hour during a desperate action in Bereg province, six miles north of Verecke.

THE GERMANS BY NOW MUST HAVE WHOLESOME REGARD FOR CANADIANS

Officer Writes From France To One in Camp at Shorncliffe London, March 31—A commanding officer with the Canadian division in France, writing to a brother officer with the second Canadian contingent at Shorncliffe, congratulates the latest arrivals on the fact that they escaped Salisbury Plain. Relating his experiences at the front, the writer says: "I was within twenty-five yards of the Germans' fortified houses one night. We were to have returned to our billets at the end of one week in the trenches, but we were suddenly ordered here to relieve a British division. We took our own line, so I suppose it is considered that we did fairly well on our first assignment. We were under orders in the big fight (Neuve Chapelle), but the occasion did not arrive for us to leave our trenches. Our men have been getting their share of Germans all right. By this time they must have a wholesome regard for our shooting."

TO JAIL FOR THREE MONTHS FOR SCOTT ACT VIOLATION

Moncton, March 31—Judge Steeves today sentenced Tom Bourque to three months in jail without option of a fine when a third offence Scott Act case against him came up. A C. T. A. case against Kelly & Glasse, wholesale liquor dealers of Halifax, was further adjourned.

CHARGED THAT HE SET FIRE TO LA TOURNAINE

Paris, March 31—Raymond Swoboda, a passenger on the French liner La Touraine, 114 City road, to the Cathedral, where burial services were conducted by Rev. M. O'Brien. Interment took place in the old Catholic cemetery. The funeral of Mrs. Kesiah E. Hoyt took place this afternoon from Trinity Church, following burial services conducted by Rev. L. R. Sherman. Interment took place in the Church of England burying ground. The funeral of Thomas Elliott took place this afternoon from his late residence, 45 Paradise Row. Rev. R. P. McKim officiated at burial services and interment took place in the Church of England burying ground.

PAYMASTER OF FIRST CANADIAN CONTINGENT, DISMISSED FROM ARMY BY COURT-MARTIAL

London, March 31—The Official Gazette announced that Hon. Lieut. John Bottomley, paymaster of the First Canadian Contingent, has been dismissed from the army by sentence of a court martial. Ottawa, March 31—The militia department today confirms the cable report of the dismissal of Lt. John Bottomley. No official report giving details of Bottomley's degradation and his being gassed as dismissed had been received but it is thought he was short in his accounts. The amount could not be ascertained, but it is supposed it was not large. Bottomley comes from Niagara Falls and was formerly a lieutenant in the 44th Regiment. He enlisted at Valcartier last August.

WHAT BILLY SAID

(A. M. Belding.) I wish I had a bungalow, Not out the road too far, You bet I'd give the boys a show, —Look out, kid! There's a car. I wish my dad had lots of dough, And your dad, too, of course; We'd warm things up just what you'd know, —Look out, kid! There's a horse. I wish I knew where you and me Could make a lucky strike, Say! Wouldn't that be great? Why we —Look out, kid! There's a bike. I wish we had a garden place To raise some flowers in— Gee! See the blossom on that fac, —They raise that kind with gin. I wish we had a place to play That didn't smell so rank, Say, scoot! Be quick and fade away, —Here comes another crank. Oh, what's the use? Let's run away— The weather's nice and fine; This ain't a place for boys to stay —Let's beat it up the line.

What's that I heard the lady say? —I guess it can't be true About a child's first Violet Day For kids like me and you. She said it's right for kids to play? Hoosay! I want to dance; You bet we wouldn't go astray If we had half a chance. They don't get dumpy with a kid, Or treat him on the level; And then some day they lift the lid And find a little devil.

At Sunday school they tell of One Who loved the kids all right; I'll bet He didn't spoil their fun, Or chase them out of sight. I wonder what He'd say if He Lived here in our street, Without a flower or a tree, A back-yard or a seat; With dirt and garbage, dogs and fleas, Bad smells and berry bumps,— And germs of every odd disease That ever racked the slums.

I guess He'd had some odd shucks down, And here and there a steeple; And let some air in on the town, With playgrounds for the people. I guess He'd buy some violets To help the boys along; He wouldn't sell them cigarettes And sing the Glory Song.

But, kid, I didn't start to preach I've said enough—I'll stop. When I grow up I'd like to teach —Sides! Here's another cop.

PROHIBITION FOR ENGLAND IS NOT YET DECIDED ON

Cabinet Seeking Best Way to Cope With Problem But Financial Reasons Do Not Count London, March 31—The Times understands that the cabinet has not yet reached a definite decision regarding the liquor question. The ministers, says the Times, are anxious first of all to ascertain the trend of public opinion, especially the opinion of the political leaders. They are fully agreed, however, that financial considerations should not bar drastic action if found necessary, for any compensation required for prohibition, either partial or total, would, in their opinion, be a trifle as compared with the cost of war and losses entailed by inefficient work.

BELGIAN CASH FUND PASSES MILLION MARK

tributions to the Belgian Relief Fund passed the million dollar mark yesterday. The exact amount so far is \$1,094,905.44, and is said to be the largest ever raised by a committee on behalf of foreign charity. The committee has also collected \$700,000 in food and the actual amount of food supplies it has sent into Belgium to date are valued at more than \$1,500,000.

POLICEMAN ILL

Police constable Stinson of Fairville is confined to his home by an attack of quinsy. His daughter, Mrs. Morrow, also is ill of the same disease.

Weather Bulletin. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Philly and Ferdinand. A cartoon illustration of a man and a dog.